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COUPLED WITH WORM SHAFT

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents Arlington, VA 22202

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks.

Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4) Requesting Deletion of Inventors begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4) REQUESTING DELETION OF PERSONS WHO ARE NOT INVENTORS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4), please delete the names of the following persons who were originally named as an inventor in the parent application, Serial No. 10,120,543, filed on April 12, 2002, but who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this continuation application:

Toshihiro SAITO, Tadashi ADACHI and Hiroaki YAMAMOTO

The Examiner should note that the order of the named inventors is changed as follows:

Takenobu KAWAKAMI, Keijiro SUZUKI, Toshiyuki MASUDA and Kouji SHIBATA